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Sustainable ancient springs aquifers waters flow throughout the Achiu lane area. These waters (wai) flow to our loi kalo taro patches. The Awai Kalili Lo'i kalo taro patches have active taro crops growing in wetlands. Other wetlands are being restored and cultivated for more kalo taro crops and water is important for these crops to thrive. This area is also a wetland habitat for endangered species, Alae Ula-(Hawaiian Moorhen), Ae'o (Hawaiian Stilt) Auku'u bird (Black Crowned Night Heron), Kolea (Golden Plover) and Pueo (Owl). These endangered species survive and dwell in our wetland taro patches. Our lower taro patch has the natural outflow exit of water that flows underground to the ocean. The spring water flows naturally underground to the ocean fronting the old Haleiwa Army Beachfront Property. The Hawaiian name of one of the springs is Puna Hoolapa. Please do not allow Scott Wallace to develop anything on Achiu and preserve these wetlands, aquifers and natural water resources that sustain growing crops. Please oppose Bills 55 and 56 and vote No to rezone these precious agriculture lands with natural springs. This area is known as the "Poi Bowl" of Hawaii and needs to be preserved for agriculture use only. Building homes and a sewer plant will pollute and damage necessary springs (wai) waters that have irrigated wetland loi-taro patches, rice patties, and hasu-lotus ponds. This area is known for agriculture lands since ancient days that our ancestors used for food and should be preserved as such. There is also no adequate roadway or access for the amount of homes that Wallace is proposing that will compound an already stressed traffic area. These properties need to be used for the intended land use which is for agriculture only. Hawaii Governor Ige just adopted the Paris Climate Accord pledges. Let's protect our environment and precious natural resources (water) (wetlands habitat) (endangered species) and preserve sustainable agriculture lands as agriculture lands.

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